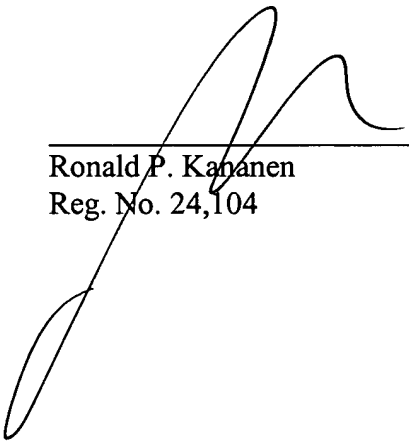


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is requested to cancel claims 2 and 6 and amend claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 and thus place the application in better form for initial review and consideration by the Examiner. Prompt and favorable examination of this application, as amended by this preliminary amendment, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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